

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 10, after line 26, insert the following:

**Brief Description of the Drawings**

Figure 1 represents the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -nuclear magnetic resonance spectrum of sodium polymannuronate; and

Figure 2 represents the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -nuclear resonance spectrum of sodium alginate.

Page 14, lines 28 and 29, delete as follows:

~~The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -nuclear magnetic resonance spectrum of sodium polymannuronate is presented in Figure 1.~~

CF Page <sup>15</sup>18, lines 25 and 26, delete as follows:

~~The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -nuclear magnetic resonance spectrum of sodium alginate is presented in Figure 2.~~